

AN ACT

relating to creating the offense of altering a disabled parking placard.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 681.0111, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 681.0111. MANUFACTURE, SALE, POSSESSION, OR USE OF COUNTERFEIT OR ALTERED PLACARD.

SECTION 2. Sections 681.0111(a) and (b), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

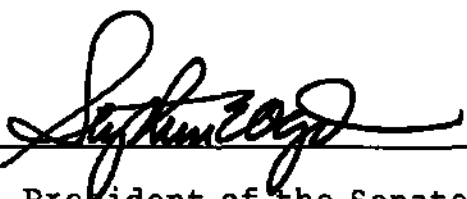
(a) A person commits an offense if, without the department's authorization, the person:

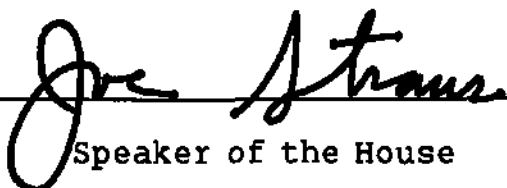
(1) manufactures, sells, or possesses a placard that is deceptively similar to a disabled parking placard; or

(2) alters a genuine disabled parking placard.

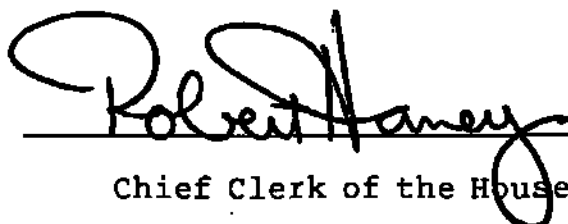
(b) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly parks a vehicle displaying a counterfeit or altered placard in a parking space or area designated specifically for persons with disabilities.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

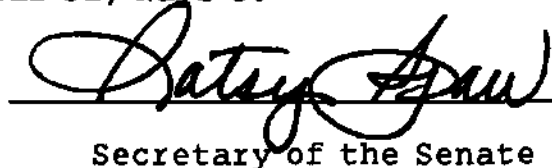

President of the Senate

H.B. No. 1473

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1473 was passed by the House on April 7, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.


Chief Clerk of the House

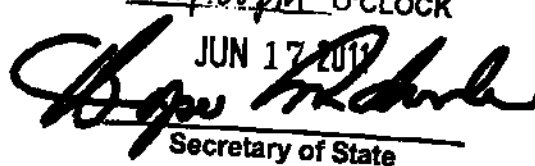
I certify that H.B. No. 1473 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.


Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 JUN '11

Date


Governor

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